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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS

## AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT

The Central Intelligence Agency proposes to enter into a contract with Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Baltimore, Maryland, for certain radar equipment and related items necessary for support of field operations.

I hereby find that this procurement, Project EQUINE, is estimated to cost \$1,000,455.00, is chargeable to Fiscal Year 1956 funds, Appropriation No. 21x2130, and is for development of highly technical equipment essential to an experimental, developmental and research program presently under procurement and which will result in operational activities. I also find that this procurement is in the interest of national defense and that it has been certified by the Director of Central Intelligence under date of 29 July 1955, to be for objects of a confidential, extraordinary and emergency nature and therefore is within the purview of the procurement authority of the Agency as stated in Section 10(b) of Public Law 110, 81st Congress. Procurement by formal advertising of the work and services called for by the proposed contract, No. FL-3011, would result in public disclosure of the nature and character of the equipment as well as its intended use and would thereby jeopardize the security classification of this project.

I hereby determine, as Contracting Officer for this contract, that the necessity and authority for negotiation of this contract have been adequately documented by proper Agency authority, and that the proposed contract must necessarily be negotiated without formal advertising.

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